Te Wānanga o Waipapa Honours and Masters Scholarship for Pacific Students

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2018 and is funded by Penelope Brook who held positions at the World Bank and is the inaugural Executive Director of Atlantic Institute in Oxford.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support Pacific students to undertake an honours or masters programme at Te Wānanga o Waipapa, in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Auckland.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Te Wānanga o Waipapa Honours and Masters Scholarship for Pacific students.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $5,000.
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to a student who meets all the requirements of these regulations and enrols full-time at the University of Auckland in a postgraduate Bachelors (Honours) degree or a masters degree in Te Wānanga o Waipapa in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Auckland.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by Pacific students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand (see Note I).
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme, financial need and a personal statement outlining how the scholarship will assist the candidate to achieve their goals and aspirations. Successful applicants will have a minimum GPA/GPE of 6.50 in their most recent qualifying programme for study (see Note II).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), Head of Te Wānanga
o Waipapa (or nominee), and an academic staff member nominated by the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts.

7. Payment will be made in two lump sums in the third week of each semester of enrolment. Payment of the second instalment will be conditional on receipt of a report of satisfactory progress from the Discipline Convenor of the subject in which the recipient is majoring.

8. The Te Wānanga o Waipapa Honours and Masters Scholarship for Pacific Students may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that award or grant permit and where the University of Auckland Council so approves.

9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts.

10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 November in the year preceding the award.


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**Notes**

I. Pacific students are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island), Nauru.

II. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where the most recently completed programme is a Transitional Certificate, the qualifying programme is the Transitional Certificate and the most recently completed prior degree.

III. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee’s programme of study. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

IV. Recipients of a Te Wānanga o Waipapa Honours and Masters Scholarship for Pacific Students will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a Te Wānanga o Waipapa Honours and Masters Scholarship for Pacific Students is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of funds received from the date of the breach.